



CITY OF DURHAM | NORTH CAROLINA

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To: Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager
Through: W. Bowman Ferguson, Deputy City Manager
From: Donald F. Greeley, Director, Water Management
Subject: Additional Information Request – Good Faith Effort for Crowder Construction Bid for North and South Durham Water Reclamation Facilities Chemical Systems and Nutrient Related Improvements

At the March 6th work session, Council requested additional information about Crowder Construction's Good Faith Effort (GFE) in meeting City SDBE goals for the project. The basis of the GFE review and supporting documentation is attached. A revised compliance report is also attached in which EO EA identified one additional SDBE firm selected by Crowder.

To summarize, Crowder Construction Co. did not meet the goals set for this project. However, they did make a good faith effort to get SDBE participation. The City provided Crowder with a listing of SDBE firms from the database to consider and contact for subcontracting. Of the 109 firms that were contacted, only 14 responded. Of those that responded to Crowder's bid request, four submitted quotes; of those four, one response was submitted too late to be considered for the bid. Crowder made timely contacts and sufficient follow-up. EO EA staff reviewed their bid requests and found them to be sufficient in terms of description of scopes of work, contact information, and locations where plans and specifications could be viewed. Additionally, Crowder advertised through media that typically targets minority and women contractors. For the aforementioned actions taken by Crowder, the EO/ EA office deemed their good faith effort to meet the goals of this project to be sufficient.

Attachments

- 01-Revised Compliance Report and SDBE listing
- 02-E107 E104 and related files
- 03-Crowder Solicitation Log
- 04-Correspondence to DBE firms
- 05-Crowder bid form.